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SUBJECT: FIRED WORKERS REINSTATED IN CORDOBA

SUMMARY: 200 RECENTLY TERMINATED GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES IN CORDOBA, DESCRIBED AS LEFTISTS BY ORTHODOX LABOR SECTOR, ARE APPARENTLY TO BE RESTORED TO THEIR JOBS AS RESULT EFFECTIVE COOPERATIVE ACTION TAKEN BY ELEMENTS OPPOSED TO NATIONAL LABOR LEADERSHIP. THIS RESULT IMPLIES LIMITATIONS IN POWER OF NATIONAL LABOR LEADERS AND ORTHODOX SECTOR IN CORDOBA. END SUMMARY.

1. IN EARLY DECEMBER, INDUSTRIAS MECANICAS DEL ESTADO (IME), A STATE OWNED COMPANY, FIRED 200 EMPLOYEES UNDER PROVISION OF LAW OF DISPENSABILITY (PRESCINDIBILIDAD) WHICH GRANTS GOVERNMENT RIGHT THROUGH MARCH 31, 1974 TO TERMINATE ANY GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE. CORDOBA ORTHODOX SECTOR LABOR LEADER MAURICIO LABAT OF TAXI DRIVERS UNION, WHO IS NOW ADVISOR TO MINISTER OF LABOR, TOLD EMBOFF THAT THESE 200 EMPLOYEES WERE "BOLSHEVIKS MOST OF WHOM SHOULD BE NOT ONLY REMOVDE FROM GOVERNMENT SERVICE BUT EXTERMINATED".

2. NONETHELESS, NON-ORTHODOX CORDOBA LABOR SECTORS INCLUDING

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LEGALISTS, JUVENTUD PERONISTA TRABAJADORA (JTP), AND TROT-

SKYITES, AIDED BY JUVENTUD PERONISTA (JP) AND JUVENTUD UNIVERSITARIA PERONISTS (JUP) COMBINED FORCES TO OPPOSE GOVERNMENT'S ACTION ON THIS AND RELATED MATTERS. AFTER DEMONSTRATION DECEMBER 14 IN FRONT OF CORDOBA CGT HEADQUARTERS, IN WHICH ABOVE NAMED GROUPS PARTICIPATED, CORDOBA VICE-GOVERNOR ATILIO LOPEZ, ACKNOWLEDGED LEADER OF LEGALIST, COMBATIVE, HARD-LINE, LEFT-LEANING SECTOR IN CORDOBA, TRAVELLED URGENTLY TO BUENOS AIRES TO SEEK SOLUTION. FOLLOWING DAY LOPEZ MADE PUBLIC STATEMENT TO EFFECT THAT SETTLEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ENTAILING, INTER ALIA, RESTORATION ALL TERMINATED IME EMPLOYEES TO THEIR JOBS.

COMMENT: RESOLUTION THIS CORDOBA LABOR DISPUTE IN MANNER DESCRIBED ABOVE IS ILLUSTRATIVE OF SERIOUS OBSTACLES WHICH WILL CONFRONT ANY CONCERTED EFFORT BY NATIONAL LABOR LEADERSHIP TO CLEANSE LABOR MOVEMENT OF DISSIDENTS IN CORDOBA. LABOR SECTORS OPPOSED TO PRESENT NATIONAL LEADERSHIP WHEN UNITED MANIFESTLY WIELD CONSIDERABLE POWER IN THAT PROVINCE. KREBS

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